(c) Yes.

(d) The estimate has been kept back pending inclusion of the work in the budget of 1108.

Commercial Departments.

451. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (c) of question No. 431, reported in the Legislative Council Proceedings, dated 25th March 1931, will the Government be pleased to mention whether the consideration of starting a commercial department is over and if so, what is the decision arrived at?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Orders have been issued for making provision in the budget estimate of 1108, for the organisation of the department, if possible, from the beginning of the year.

Auctioning the lands of judgment-debtors, etc.

452. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On the strength of all the data available now, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of instances wherein land of the judgment-debtors was auctioned in law and got by the judgment-creditors, the price of which was (1) 10 times and more; (2) 5 times and more; (3) twice and more; (4) and below the best price the land could have procured under the most favourable condition of the day's market;

(b) the reasons for the situations in (a);

(c) the ways how Government intend to prevent their repetition?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The materials available do not admit of an answer to the question.

Irregularity of wealth.

453. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 58 of the last session, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they admit the existence of appalling irregularities of wealth in the society; and

(2) if they do so, why they have not the programme indicated in the question?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government cannot interfere with the Economic Laws of Society.

Concentration of land.

454. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 77 (b) of the last session, will the Government be pleased

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to state whether it is a remedy for concentrations already effected?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, to some extent.

455. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 87 of the last session, will the Government be pleased to state the grounds on which Government took the position indicated in the supplementary answer?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—On general grounds of public policy.

Information re. Benares University.

456. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 124 answered in the last session will the Government be pleased to state the information they have promised?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It has not been possible to procure the information as yet.

Longevity of Life.

457. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 127 (b) answered in the last session, will the Government be pleased to state their authority for saying a rich man does not live long in the light of the fact that Rockfeller, Henry Ford and many others never died young, and what they can do regarding the economic factor howsoever important which they admit and the authority to which they conform for saying that the economic factor is the least important;

and with reference to (c) whether practical orders of Government in the economic field have increased longevity of life in some of the civilised countries of the world?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Riches and longevity of life do not always go together. There may be some rich men who have lived to a very ripe old age. At the same time there are many who die young, as wealth helps them to burn their life's candle at both ends. Similarly there are many instances where the poor live to a ripe old age in perfect health.

Personal observation and experience.

Not known.

Rejuvenation.

458. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 129 answered in the last session, will the Government be pleased to state what they intend to do for the "sometimes" which they admit?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Government do not intend to do anything.

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